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The Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy
Chairman, Policy Committee
2005 White House Conference on Aging
4300 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Ms. Hardy:

It is my pleasure to submit the West Virginia Delegations report on the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Many of the recommendations address national policy while others are West Virginia specific.

I have worked closely with our delegation on this report. I am proud of their work and that of Dr. Sandra K. Vanin, Commissioner of the Bureau of Senior Services, who provided inspirational leadership to our West Virginia delegation. I also want to acknowledge the contribution of Dr. David Brown, who served as the lead author of this report, as well as every member of our West Virginia delegation (see Appendix A) for the time and effort they invested in this endeavor.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank Mr. Robert Blancato, member of the Policy Committee of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, for the training he conducted for our delegates.

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I urge you to consider the recommendations of the West Virginia delegation and trust the report will be of value as the final report is prepared for Congress and the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin", written over the printed name.

Joe Manchin III
Governor

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